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INDIA'S REPRESSION OF THE KASHMIRI MUSLIMS

The Islamic Council has deplored with deep disdain the mounting violence unleashed by the forces of military occupation in the Indian-held Kashmir who have callously shot down scores of peaceful demonstrators. For over four decades India has perpetuated its stranglehold over Jammu and Kashmir in utter disregard of the basic human rights of the 12 million Kashmiri people. The inalienable right of the Kashmiri people to exercise their right to self-determination is enshrined in the numerous resolutions of the United Nations which has remained seized with the dispute because of India's unending defiance of the world body. The United Nations Security Council in its resolutions of 13 August 1948 and 5 January 1949 repeatedly reaffirmed the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination to be exercised through a free and fair plebiscite to fix the future status of Kashmir. India has continued to thwart the expression of the will of the Kashmiri people through brutal repression. It is high time for the Indian government leaders to read the writing on the wall and take heed of the signs of the times that there can never be unending smothering of the overwhelming will of a people, and desist from its tactics of resorting to brute force in the vain hope of perpetuating its military hold which is doomed to be frustrated sooner than can be imagined.

The Islamic Council appealed to all governments and human rights organisations to put pressure on the Indian government to accept the United Nations resolutions and agree to the plebiscite without further delay and to bring an immediate end to the slaughter of innocent Muslims in Kashmir.

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